

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 14, line 3, and ending on page 14 line 14 has been amended to read as follows:

The hopper 100 has a bottom wall 101, a vertical end ~~wall 102~~, wall 102, a back wall 103 and an open front wall 104. The bottom wall 101 slopes downwardly toward the infeed end, designated by the arrow 225 in figure 1, of the lumber unscrambler and conveyor 200. Pieces of wood varying in length from about 18 inches to 7 feet are dumped into the hopper or delivered thereto end wise by a belt conveyor having a discharge at the hopper open end wall 104. The lumber pieces engaging the reciprocating relatively moving plates gradually are separated and delivered as single pieces. The varying thickness of the plates facilitates the separation process helping ensure the pieces are delivered one at a time.

In the Claims:

Please mend claim 1, 2, 10, and 11 as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) Apparatus for moving pieces of lumber along an inclined path from a group of such pieces at a first in-feed location and delivering them at a second out-feed location normally one stick at a time with said second location being disposed at a higher elevation than said first location, said apparatus comprising: a rigid support structure; first and second rigid frame assemblies; and means mounting said frame assemblies on said support structure for movement relative thereto and one another along predetermined inclined paths, said first and second rigid assemblies each having a plurality of plates mounted thereon, said plates being spaced apart from one another on their respective rigid frames and disposed such that the plates on one frame assembly are interleaved with the plates on the other frame assembly, said plates on the respective